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SUBJECT: IAEA BOARD MEETING, JUNE 16, 1977: REPORT ON DISCUSSION OF
AGENDA ITEM 9(A), SSIR

REF: (A) IAEA VIENNA 4879

1. DIRECTOR GENERAL MADE OPENING STATEMENT ADDRESSING
SEVERAL SAFEGUARDS ITEMS:

A. SSIR
MAIN CONCLUSION OF SSIR (GOV/1842) IS THAT DURING 1976
THERE WAS NO DIVERSION OF SPECIAL NUCLEAR MATERIAL.
DREW SPECIAL ATTENTION TO DIFFICULTIES WHICH AGENCY
EXPERIENCES IN INSPECTING ON-LOAD FUEL REACTORS AND
FUEL FABRICATION PLANTS. NOTED SSIR WOULD BE SUBMITTED
TO SAGSI FOR ITS VIEWS. REQUESTED BOARD AUTHORIZATION
TO ADDRESS COMMUNICATIONS CONVEYING RECOMMENDATIONS
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NOTED IN PARA 2 OF SSIR.

B. EURATOM
ADDRESSED DIFFICULTIES BEING EXPERIENCED IN NEGOTIATION
OF SUBSIDIARY ARRANGEMENTS WITH EURATOM, SPECIFIED
SOME OF THE REASONS RESULTING IN DELAY, AND STRESSED
NEED FOR AGENCY TO ESTABLISH ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WOULD

ALLOW IT TO CARRY OUT ITS RESPONSIBILITY FOR INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION.

C. SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENTS

APOLOGIZED FOR LATE SUBMITTAL TO BOARD MEMBERS OF THREE SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENTS, BUT REQUESTED BOARD TO CONSIDER THE THREE AGREEMENTS AT THIS SESSION IF POSSIBLE.

D. GENERAL

STATED AGENCY UNDERTAKING STUDY OF INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS OF PLUTONIUM MANAGEMENT AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE XII A.5 OF AGENCY STATUTE, AND NOTED STUDY HAD BEEN EXTENDED TO COVER ALSO INTERNATIONAL STORAGE OF SPENT FUEL. INDICATED THAT AGENCY IS FOLLOWING U.S. PROPOSED INFCE PROGRAM WITH A VIEW TO DETERMINING APPROPRIATE COURSE OF ACTION FOR THE AGENCY. NOTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFEGUARDS HAD BEEN REORGANIZED ON THE BASIS OF RECOMMENDATIONS BY CONSULTANTS (QUOTE SEVEN WISE MEN UNQUOTE). STATED THAT AGENCY HAD COMPLETED REQUIRED SAFETY ANALYSIS AND SUBMITTED REQUEST TO GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRIA FOR ISSUANCE OF CLASS A LICENSE FOR AGENCY'S SAFEGUARDS ANALYTICAL LABORATORY AT SEIBERSDORF.

2. UK RESPONDED IN BEHALF OF EURATOM MEMBERS ON BOARD TO DG'S COMMENTS RE EURATOM AGREEMENT. INDICATED THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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TWO SENIOR OFFICIALS OF EURATOM WOULD BE IN VIENNA SHORTLY FOR DISCUSSIONS (FYI: THIS MEETING HAS SINCE BEEN POSTPONED TO JULY BECAUSE OF EURATOM'S SCHEDULING COMPLICATIONS.)

3. DURING BOARD DISCUSSION OF GOV 1842, ALL MEMBER

STATE COMMENTING ON SSIR REQUESTED THAT DETAILED DISCUSSION BE DEFERRED UNTIL THE SEPTEMBER BOARD IN VIEW OF THE SHORT TIME AVAILABLE OF STUDY. A NUMBER OF STATES MADE COMMENTS NONETHELESS:

A. AUSTRALIA NOTED IN STRONG STATEMENT THAT SSIR CONCLUSION CONCERNING DIVERSION BASED IN PART ON SUBJECTIVE

JUDGEMENT WHICH WAS NOT AN ACCEPTABLE SUBSTITUTE FOR QUANTITATIVE DATA.

B. USSR MADE STRONG STATEMENT ACCUSING EURATOM OF QUOTE NON-DESIRE TO COOPERATE. UNQUOTE

C. EGYPT ASKED WHY SAFEGUARDS RESOURCES BEING WASTED ON INSPECTION OF PEACEFUL FACILITIES IN NWS, AND MINOR FACILITIES SUCH AS RESEARCH REACTORS. STATED

CONCERN RE NEW REPORTS OF DISAPPEARANCE OF 200-TONS OF URANIUM TEN YEARS AGO, BUT WHICH ONLY RECENTLY CAME TO LIGHT. REQUESTED SECRETARIAT TO REQUIRE SATISFACTORY EXPLANATION OF THIS INCIDENT FOR EURATOM.

D. FRG REQUESTED SAGSI CONCLUSION RE SSIR FOR CONSIDERATION BY SEPTEMBER BOARD.

4. WITH RESPECT TO PARAR 5 OF GOV/1842 THE BOARD DID NOT AUTHORIZE THE DG TO PROCEED WITH COMMUNICATION TO MEMBER STATES CONCERNED OF SSIR RECOMMENDATIONS PER PARA 3 OF THAT DOCUMENT. OBJECTION TO SENDINGHOF COMMUNICATON WAS VOICED BY FRG AND SUPPORTED BY ITALY ON BASIS TIME NEEDED TO STUDY REPORT. OUTCOME WAS AUTHORIZATION TO DG TO UNCLASSIFIED

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SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS OF SSIR TO ALL MEMBER STATES, AND INSTRUCTION TO THE DG THAT HIS COMMUNICATION SHOULD NOTE THAT THE BOARD HAD NOT YET CONSIDERED THE SSIR OR THE MERITS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS THEREIN.

5. MISSION HAS OBTAINED COPIES OF SSIR STATMENTS BY GOVERNORS FROM AUSTRIALIA AND EGYPT, AND IS POUCHING THEM TO ERDA (AMMONS), ACDA (GALLINI) AND STATE (BORIGHT). STONE

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